

THE DEXTER CONNECTION

First United Methodist Church
Dexter, Missouri

2018 Annual Conference

Dear Church Family,

It was great to be with Pam Jean (Dexter AC Lay Delegate) at the 2018 Missouri Annual Conference where we were *Freed to Lead*. Each year United Methodists around the globe gather at a point in their region for an "Annual Conference." When we hear the words "annual conference" we probably think about a series of boring corporate type meetings. However, for Methodists, it is a very rich theological task. For many pastors and lay folks, the Annual Conference is still a means of grace. This year was no exception. We conferred together, we worshipped together, we learned about what God is doing in Missouri through the people called Methodists, and we were given tools to help us lead others in making disciples of Jesus Christ.



While there is much I could share about AC2018, the major highlight was the unveiling of three goals that Bishop Bob Farr laid out for the conference.

1. **New Missional Leaders:** The Conference hopes to help raise up 400 new missional leaders in the Missouri Conference. The conference defines a new leader as person who changes from someone who is merely meeting God on Sunday morning to someone who is actively engaged in leading others towards a stronger faith in Jesus Christ.
2. **New Places for New People:** This might be a new small group, new worship service, or a new church plant.
3. **Pathway Out of Poverty:** The goal is for 40% of our churches to have some partnership with the local school district, particularly in regards to literacy.

Dexter First UMC is uniquely poised to help the conference live into its goals and align with our own goals for 2018-19. As we move forward with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I pray that we might be able to make disciples of Jesus Christ with these goals in mind.

Grace and Peace,

Ron



The Lectionary

July 1

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

July 8

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
Psalm 48
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 15

2 Samuel 6:1-15, 12b-19
Psalm 24
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 22

2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Psalm 89:20-37
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 29

2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm 14
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

Important Dates

- July 2 Pairs & Spares, 8:30
- July 10 Bethany, 4-6
- July 30 VBS, 5-8
- July 31 VBS, 5-8
- August 1 VBS, 5-8
- August 2 VBS, 5-8
- August 3 VBS, 5-8
- August 9 Blood Drive, 1-6

July Birthdays

- 7/1 Clara Pullam
- 7/2 Gene McCane
- 7/8 Vernon Mathis
- 7/9 Sarah Jarrell
- 7/10 Jay Yorke
- 7/13 Brooke Stoker
- 7/14 Janice McCane
- 7/17 Brian Crawford
Rita Ferguson
- 7/19 Marcia Beaird
Melba Baker
- 7/20 Dean Carroll
- 7/23 Lesa Holland
- 7/25 Louise Finklea
Vicky Jarrell
- 7/26 Wayne Jean
Marie Quinn
- 7/27 Kent Polsgrove
- 7/30 Phyllis Kull

July Anniversaries

- 7/3 Mike & Kristi Williams
- 7/14 Bryan & Leslie Schmid
- 7/25 Harold & Marie Barks
Tom & Charlyn Holt
Bruce & Elizabeth
McClintock
- 7/26 Kent & Ann Polsgrove
Wayne & Tammy
Freeman
- 7/30 Craig & Deffrey Stoker

July ReBirthdays

- 7/2 Carol Creg
Dave Creg
- 7/31 Corbin Matthews
Sherry Matthews
Larry White
Rebecca Robinson

If your family's special days do not appear on our monthly lists, please contact the church office with names and dates.



VBS is coming up very soon. We need a preschool arts and crafts teacher. We also need people to supply food and help serve a meal to the kids each night. Please contact me as soon as possible if you are willing to help. We will be decorating the week of July 23, but more on the days of July 27 & 28. All the help we can get will be greatly appreciated! You can contact me closer to time and I will have a more precise time for you. Please spread the word about VBS to everyone you know and those you don't know! Let's make this year the biggest success yet and bring kids to know Christ! You can pre-register your child on the church website umc-dexter.org.

Sandy Sanders 573-421-0262



**Tuesday, July 10
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

Word has spread about our Bethany Ministry throughout Stoddard County. In June we provided packages of hygiene and household supplies to 84 families. Thirty three of those were delivered to the homebound and the elderly. Contact the church office if you would like to get involved in this ministry. We need people to work on distribution day and people to deliver the supplies. Each month we select three products that are distributed at Bethany and ask you to bring some of them and place them in the big, blue buckets located at each entrance to the church. Of course monetary donations are needed as well!!!

**Toilet Tissue
Dish Liquid
Shampoo**

July ★★





Blood Drive!

Thursday, August 9

1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Wesley Hall

Morning Prayer

You are invited to join us any day Monday through Thursday in our sanctuary for morning prayer at 8:45. This time of prayer, scripture, and reflection led by Pastor Ron usually lasts 15 to 20 minutes and is a great way to start your day!

Children's Church

During the month of July and the first week of August we will not have Children's Church during any of our worship services. We will resume on Sunday, August 12.

Volunteers are needed to help at The CrossOver and Traditions worship services. You will only be asked to serve as a leader once a month or less. All materials and a craft will be provided to you. Please consider helping with this important ministry.

Congratulations to Dan & Connie Heil on the birth of their first granddaughter. Decker Lynn was born June 6 weighing 8 pounds and 4 ounces. Proud parents are Cathryn & Cameron.

Our Prayer Ministry

Current Prayer Requests

Allen Fitts, Meredith Zmarzly, Ginny Martin, Chandler Voyles, Doug Yeager, family of Jerry Proffer, Aaron Grobe, Katie Christian, Peggy Causey, Paul Warren, family of Greg Sells, Emmett Stearns, Jennifer Mouser Bien, Willow Karmas, Lydia Lancaster, Carolyn Carroll, Jim Baker, Brenda Parker, Peggy Palmer

Our Members And Friends In Nursing Homes & Rehab Facilities

Wes Eskew, Peggy Matthews, Georgia Newcomer, Marie Quinn, Leon Ward, Louise Stevens, Elmer Wilson, Elsie Buttry, Bea McKillip, Maxine Daniels, D.D. Smith, Jim & Mildred Miller, Barbara Sanders, M.S. Hart, Karen Tippen, Wilma Quick, Gerald Jackson, Carolyn Montgomery, Janice Asberry, Eloise Conner, Jane Robertson, Gracie Smith, June Manlove, Donna Gregg, Ginny Martin, Pat Evans, Joy Evans, Edna Sanders, Bobby Robbins, Max Summers, Jim Lawrence, Patty Williams, Ivan Lee, Margie Dennis, Beverly James.

In The Military

Gavin Beasley, Rose Blackman, Houston Burnett, Travis Choat, Cody Conner, Kyle Cox, Michael Fisher, Jessica Freeman, Chris Gerecke, Kyle Greer, Mike Huffman, Justin Hunsperger, Tyler Inman, Scott Mattingly, Todd McGhee, Elliot Miller, Ryan Pedroza, James Ringer, Chris Rimel, Kevin Rowe, Christopher Simmering, Luke Snider, Austin Stacy, Jared Stephens, Owen Stephens, Steven Strouse, Dr. Joseph Thompson, Oliver Warren, Davis Wilcoxson.



ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE



July 30 through August 3

5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

In Wesley Hall

Vacation Bible School

For kids age 3 to those who have just finished 5th grade.

A meal will be served each night.

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Sunday Worship Services

Morning Grace	8:15 a.m.
The CrossOver	9:15 a.m.
Traditions	10:30 a.m.

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